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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Microsoft is not the evil money grubbing corporation that it has been made out to be. Rather, it is in my opinion that the other information technology companies are the ones with dollar signs in their eyes. The antitrust lawsuit filed against Microsoft was nothing more than profit driven facade.

The settlement that was reached in November is reasonable and in the best interest of all parties involved. Microsoft has agreed not to seek any sort of retaliatory measures against computer manufacturers that promote software other than Windows. The settlement further stipulates that Microsoft must provide documentation on how to interface competitors' software with its own operating system.

Microsoft has already given a lot of ground with this settlement, and I feel that they should be asked to give no more. The settlement as decided upon in November should be left as is with no changes. The money driven attack on this company needs to stop, so please finalize the current settlement and stop litigation now.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Martin', is written over a horizontal line.

Ben Martin, Ph.D.